

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 13 November 2023**

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**In attendance:** Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer).

In addition to PCC members, a member of the community also attended to observe and raise issues where relevant.

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| 1 | <b>Apologies:</b><br>Donna Coull, Tracy Colyer, Jade Tindall, Lillian Urquhart   |   |
| 2 | <b>Police Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The update was circulated prior to the meeting. There were 12 calls but no crimes to be investigated arising from those calls.</li> </ul>  |   |
| 3 | <b>Guest Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no guest presentation</li> </ul>  |   |
| 4 | <b>Adoption of minutes of last meeting</b><br>Proposed: JG Seconded: GM  |   |
| 5 | <b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Harbour Toilets:</u> Cllr DG has been attempting to get answers on actions awaited by TMC, but none have yet been forthcoming.</li> <li>• <u>Firth View Play Area:</u> The Chair and Secretary visited with a guest representing a group who have taken over land with a building on it from developers (NB the land under discussion here contains no structures). The favoured option for the Portknockie plot (following local consultation) was that the PCA (since the PCC cannot own or lease land/buildings) investigate taking it over and turning it into allotments. DG to forward TMC allotments policy to SF, and SF to contact REAP in Keith as they can advise on allotments.</li> <li>• <u>Community Development Trust Officer (CDTO):</u> SF contacted Cullen CDTO and they are happy to offer guidance where they can re: deciding whether or not Portknockie requires a Development Trust and therefore a CDTO. SF to set up meeting with Cullen CDTO along with the chair and secretary of the PCC</li> <li>• <u>Resilience Planning (RP):</u> AA provided a summary of the the September meeting of CC's re: RP. A set of actions were provided in order to allow us to create an RP for the village. It was agreed that the PCC RP Group would consist of AA, AF and JT along with one other PCC member one their agreement is secured. This group will meet before the next PCC meeting and offer a way forward at that meeting. It was also highlighted that we do not appear to be on the distribution list for the TMC Community Resilience Planning Bulletin. SF will contact TMC to request we be added to the circulation list.<br/>AA will pull together the key information for potential Safe Space candidates so that SF can approach these in the next month.</li> </ul> | <p style="margin-top: 100px;">DG (Cllr)<br/>SF</p> <p style="margin-top: 100px;">SF</p> <p style="margin-top: 100px;">AA, AF,<br/>JT, SL</p> <p style="margin-top: 100px;">SF</p> <p style="margin-top: 100px;">AA<br/>SF</p> |

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- Harbour Defibrillator: A member of the community has proposed purchasing a defibrillator for installation at the harbour. The PCC is asked if it will agree to purchase the pads (on an ongoing basis) for such a machine (approx. £110/year). It was agreed that the question would be revisited once the defibrillator had been purchased.
- Event to celebrate 50 years of CC's: the event was held on 28 October and attended by SF. Long Service Awards were presented at the event and one such award recognising the service of our treasurer GM was passed to SF for presentation at this meeting. JG presented the award and all members expressed their appreciation of the work done by GM over many years.

**6 Correspondence Received**

- Dog Fouling in field behind Mairs Street: this matter has been raised by residents and the farmer as it presents difficulties for both. The farmer cannot use the field to gather animal fodder if there is any dog mess present as this will be a health hazard to animals if contained within their feed. This clearly has significant consequences for the farm. Also, walkers do not want to encounter dog mess when walking their dogs there. SF is investigating the possibility of signage being erected by the field owners to discourage dog owners allowing their pets to foul the area.
- Conservation Area Reviews: it was noted that no changes are proposed to the boundaries of the Portknockie Conservation Area. Members and residents are however encouraged to review the TMC documentation relating to this matter. ALL
- Junior Football Club: the club approached the PCC re: potential for erecting a container for the storage of the club's materials. Since the hall is owned by TMC and the leasee has control over a limited amount of space around the building (and even there, planning permission for erection of any structures (temporary or otherwise) would be required), this would have to be discussed directly with TMC. SF will notify the Club representative. SF

**7 Treasurers Report**

- Account balance currently sits at: £2,948.17. Additional expenditure includes £32.16 for the poppy wreath laid at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Money will also be contributed towards the purchase of new Christmas lights.

**8 Planning**

- N/A

**9 Events**

- The Christmas Lights Switch-on will take place at 6.30pm on Saturday 2 December at the Millennium Garden followed by carols and refreshments for all in the Seafield Hall. SF will notify local press for publicity. SF

**10 Members/Elected Members Updates:**

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- In addition to the round-up of committees attended, members were also involved in activities/visits including/relating to: the Outfit Moray AGM, land-slip at Grange, remembrance events, veterans lunch (hosted in Cullen).
- Issue relating to **street signs** and the Bow Fiddle Rock sign are ongoing

**12 Community Feedback**

- It was asked if it might be possible to have **solar Christmas lights** at the entrances to the village. JG agreed to investigate this. JG
- It has been clarified that Slater Crescent roundabout land is actually the responsibility of TMC. There is however currently no budget to cover works in this area.
- It was queried whether or not the hardcore area currently created in the Macleod Park for the heavy plant being used for footpath repairs could be retained when the works are completed as it could be used for car parking or potentially even motor homes. This will not however be possible as the council does not own areas of the approach road, so cannot offer it for permanent use and maintenance of the space would have to be paid for locally and there is currently no capacity to do this.

**13 JCC**

- No issues arising

**14 AOB**

- The issue of dangers posed to pedestrians walking to houses beyond the 30mph zone at the Farm and where no footpath exists was raised. DG agreed to raise the issue of potentially moving the 30mph zone to extend beyond existing housing as this would provide a safer environment for pedestrians, particularly in the dark. Cllr DG

**14 Next meeting**

11 December at 7pm in Macboyle Hall. ALL